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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. THE AMBASSADOR ASKS THAT YOU WAIT UNTIL HE RETURNS TO REPORT PROBE FROM PRC MILITARY ATTACHE (MOSCOW 2836).

2. RE PARA 1, MOSCOW 02836, KAY OLIVER IS BOOKED ON PA 66 ARRIVING 1545 MARCH 7.

3. RE OCCIDENTAL/VENTSPILS (LENINGRAD 627), WERE EMBASSY OR CONGEN INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE INAUGURATION OF THE VENTSPILS FACILITY?

4. LYMPHOCYTOSIS (STATE 39812) SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH CHAZOV GAVE DR. ROSENFELD HIS PERSONAL ASSURANCE THAT HE WILL COOPERATE WITH OUR PEOPLE IN MOSCOW ON OBTAINING BLOOD COUNT DATA OF MOSCOW RESIDENTS. CHAZOV INDICATED

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HE WOULD EXPECT AND REPLY TO CALL FROM EITHER DRS. GREENBERG OR NYDELL.

5. AMBASSADOR RAISED HOUSING PROBLEM WITH DOBRYNIN TODAY. LATER WE LEARNED FROM FBO THAT FBO TEAM HAD BEEN OFFERED 7 APARTMENTS LAST THURSDAY. THEREFORE, SOVIETS STILL OWE US

9 APARTMENTS--7 FROM MARCH 26 PROTOCOL AND 2 FROM JUNE 13
LETTER FROM TRACY TO VORONIN. BEFORE WE MAKE FURTHER
OVERTURES HERE, COULD YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE OF THE
SITUATION.

6. WE WOULD BE INCLINED TO LET TOM BELL--THE PUBLIC
AFFAIRS MAN FROM COMMERCE--COME TO MOSCOW PRIOR TO
SECRETARY KREPS'S VISIT NOT BECAUSE WE QUESTION THE
EMBASSY'S ABILITY TO MAKE THE BEST POSSIBLE PRESS ARRANGE-
MENTS, BUT BECAUSE WE FEEL THE MORE HER IMMEDIATE STAFF
CAN LEARN FIRST HAND ABOUT REAL-WORLD CONDITIONS IN
MOSCOW, THE LESS APT THEY WILL BE TO GO OFF HALF COCKED
DURING THE VISIT. MAXIMUM PRESS EXPOSURE APPEARS TO BE
A MAJOR OBJECTIVE, AND HER STAFF SHOULD HAVE A CLEAR
IDEA OF WHAT CAN AND CAN'T BE DONE.

7. DEPARTMENT CONVEYED MESSAGE CONCERNING POSSIBLE
CANCELLATION CIMS-SCST SEMINAR (MOSCOW 2634) TO AGNES
PALL OF CIMS. SHE WILL BE GIVING US HER REACTION WITHIN
THE NEXT FEW DAYS, WHICH DEPARTMENT WILL CONVEY IN MORE
DETAIL. SHE DID INDICATE THAT AT HER LAST MEETING WITH
GVISHIANI IN NEW YORK (FEB. 23) THE PLANS FOR THE SEMINAR
WERE ON AND ALL DETAILS FIRMED UP. SHE TOOK THE OPPOR-
TUNITY OF OUR CONVERSATION TO INQUIRE CONCERNING HER
REQUESTS FOR BRIEFING AND EMBASSY RECEPTION (STATE 16400,
20 JANUARY 78).

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8. RE STATE 46751, TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL HAS ALREADY
AGREED TO MEETING OF TOURISM WORKING GROUP IN MOSCOW.
GROUP WOULD TRAVEL TO MOSCOW ON MARCH 18 AND MEETINGS
WOULD BE HELD MARCH 21-22. FABIAN CHAVEZ (ASSISTANT
SECRETARY, COMMERCE USTS) HAS ALREADY AGREED TO HEAD US
SIDE. WE ARE NOT SURE WHAT PROMPTED CHAVEZ'S READY
AGREEMENT (AN AIDE SAYS HE RECEIVED "MARCHING ORDERS"
FROM SECRETARY KREPS) BUT WE KNOW SOVIETS HAVE SWEETENED
THE POT BY OFFERING A MEETING WITH GROMYKO OR KORNIYENKO.

9. AMBASSADOR AGREES TO NAME BROWN CONTROL FOR CODEL
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